

From: [Ken Ward Jr](#)
To: [Johnson, Larry-C](#)
Subject: Re: Bluestone FOIA Request
Date: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 5:24:20 PM

Oh, sorry ... I meant for "that's fine" to be my approval!

So consider this my approval.

Thanks!

From: Johnson, Larry-C <Johnson.Larry-C@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:05 PM
To: Ken Ward Jr <Ken.Ward.Jr@propublica.org>
Subject: RE: Bluestone FOIA Request

I still need your approval.

Your affirmative response to this email will suffice.

-LJ-

From: Ken Ward Jr <Ken.Ward.Jr@propublica.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 5:03 PM
To: Johnson, Larry-C <Johnson.Larry-C@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bluestone FOIA Request

Thanks Larry.

I saw you called again ... Sorry I've been on Zooms all day. Sigh.

That's fine ... sounds like it makes sense. Appreciate you moving this request forward. Ken.

From: Johnson, Larry-C <Johnson.Larry-C@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:01 PM
To: Ken Ward Jr <Ken.Ward.Jr@propublica.org>
Subject: RE: Bluestone FOIA Request

Hi Ken,

Nice chatting with you again, we had some interaction before while I was working in Region 3.

The issue is that your request EPA-2020-005064 has fallen into our backlog and the system won't allow us to reassign it to the Office who has the responsive records without adjusting the due date to something in this physical year.

It's a software thing.

The sticking point is that the system (and the regulations) require approval from the original requester to make that change. It's a minor thing but the system is hung up until we can make the proper adjustments.

If you can grant the extension we can move this along posthaste.

Call me if you need more details.

-LJ-

From: Ken Ward Jr <Ken.Ward.Jr@propublica.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 4:21 PM

To: Johnson, Larry-C <Johnson.Larry-C@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Bluestone FOIA Request

Hi Larry,

Thanks for your note and this update. And for your phone call.

Could you perhaps identify which of my requests this relates to and describe the administrative issues you're referring to?

Thanks, Ken.

From: Johnson, Larry-C <Johnson.Larry-C@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:28 PM
To: Ken Ward Jr <Ken.Ward.Jr@propublica.org>
Subject: Bluestone FOIA Request

Mr. Ward,

Regarding one of your older FOIA requests, we've had some administrative issues in responding to this request. We have met in conference and we have documentation responsive to your submission and we're ready to complete processing.

From an administrative perspective however, we need to ask you for an extension on the time necessary respond. We would like to ask you for a 30 working day extension from the date that you respond to this email.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns. We stand ready to provide you with the information you have requested but we ask that you bear with us a little bit longer.

Respectfully

Larry Johnson
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